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OFFICE OF

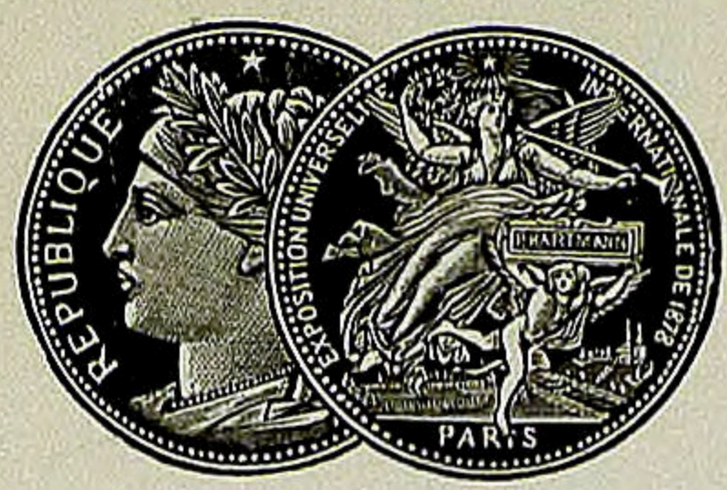
P. HARTMANN,

—IMPORTER AND MANUFACTURER OF—

Fine Gold, Diamond and Filigree Silver Jewelry,

No. 36 Maiden Lane,

P. O. Box 2454.



New York, March 6th 1890

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U.S. Mint at Philadelphia
Pa.

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I not having access to law books which are no doubt convenient to you, and as you may have quoted the above from memory, will you grant me the further kindness to see, and inform me from what date, if later than 1853, the further receiving of Silver for coinage was stopped. I think it was during the war, either in 1862 or 1863.

Pleased whenever I can be of service to you to return your kindness. I am

Yours truly,

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